

## BRATTLEBORO LOCAL NEWS

## BROWN MAY BRING SUIT.

Petition for Order of Restraint by Power Co. Dismissed—Use of Private Road Is Involved.

Judge F. L. Fish Tuesday afternoon dismissed without prejudice a petition of the Connecticut River Power Co., to restrain Wilson I. Brown of Brattleboro from bringing action at law against the power company to recover pay for the use by the company of a private road across the land of the defendant. The company claimed that it owed \$15 for one week's use of the road. Mr. Brown asserted that the company owed him for the use of the road from July 21, 1915, for the rest of the year at the rate of \$15 a week.

The petition of the company, besides some interesting facts: On July 21 the power company was engaged in the work of making repairs to a dike on the property of the Brattleboro Reformatory and was engaged in drawing gravel from a gravel pit to the dike. The use of a private road through the property of Mr. Brown would save distance and Harold E. Whitney on that date offered Mr. Brown \$15 a week for the use of the private road for the gravel teams of the power company.

Mr. Brown, it appears, had a tenant on his property, a Mr. Phelps, who Mr. Brown feared, might be discommoded by the dust and noise. Also Mr. Brown did not care for a contract, but suggested that a letter embodying the agreement would be satisfactory. Mr. Whitney then wrote the following letter:

"Confirming the conversation which the writer had with you this morning, the Power company will pay you at the rate of \$15 a week for the use of your private road. The company also agrees that if, in the judgment of the physician of your tenant, Mr. Phelps, use of your road by the company interferes with the health of Mr. Phelps, the company will cease to use the road as long as that situation exists."

This letter was dated July 21 and signed by Harold E. Whitney, secretary of the power company.

He presented the letter to Mr. Brown and Mr. Brown interlined in pencil after the name "Phelps" the words "or any of the families."

He then suggested that the letter be worded made no limitation on the length of time the company might use the road and wrote at the bottom of the letter: "Accepted by Wilson I. Brown for the year 1915."

On July 28, the petition states, the company ceased to use the road and sent a check for \$15, one week's pay for the use of the road, to Mr. Brown. On July 30 the check was returned and Mr. Brown notified the company that he expected pay for the use of his road at the rate of \$15 a week for the remainder of the year from July 21. The same day Mr. Whitney tendered Mr. Brown gold in payment of one week's use of the road and the tender was declined. The money was then deposited in the Peoples National bank to the order of Mr. Brown, and it is still there subject to his order.

"The plaintiff avers," says the petition, "that the claim of the defendant and the construction which he seeks to put upon the agreement is false, unjust, inequitable, exorbitant and fraudulent."

H. G. & F. E. Barber appeared for Mr. Brown and C. C. Fitts for the company.

## CHILDREN GO TO MOTHER.

Clarence A. Poland Hears Court's Interpretation of Order Respecting Custody and Is Dismissed.

After he had interpreted his order and compliance with it had been promised by the defendant, Judge F. L. Fish Tuesday afternoon dismissed the petition of Mrs. Florence I. Poland, wife of Clarence A. Poland, both of Putney, which asked that the respondent be adjudged guilty of contempt of court for failing to comply with an order of the court that the children of the couple should be given to the custody of the mother during vacations.

The complaint, upon which Poland was arrested by Sheriff C. E. Mann Tuesday morning, alleged that contrary to the order of the court, the children had not been given into the care of the mother during either the Thanksgiving or the Christmas vacation.

Robert C. Bacon of the attorneys for the respondent said that the question came upon the interpretation of the wording of the order of the court which referred to vacations. W. R. Daley of counsel for Mrs. Poland held that this referred to all vacations and the court so defined it.

Mr. Bacon promised that the children should be given to the mother next morning and that henceforth, until further order of the court, it would be understood by Mr. Poland that the children were to be in the care of the mother during all vacations.

This being satisfactory, Judge Fish dismissed the petition.

## RHEUMATISM GOES IF HOOD'S IS USED

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## ELLINGWOOD DEEDS VOID.

Vernon Man Wins in Effort to Recover Property Held by Daughter-in-Law—Decree Is Signed.

A decree signed Tuesday by Chancellor Frank L. Fish in the suit between Ellingwood of Vernon, by his guardian, John E. Gale of Guilford, against his son, Armon U. Ellingwood, the latter's wife, Adelaide S. Ellingwood, who is executrix of the will of Fanny Ellingwood, deceased wife of Sumner Ellingwood, and Edith E. Ellingwood, daughter of Armon and Adelaide, all of Greenfield, Mass., is a victory for the son.

Back in 1902 Sumner Ellingwood, being in feeble health and informed by his physician that he had not long to live, devised to his wife, Fanny, through a deed to Ellen M. Reed of Vernon, all right and title in the home-stand property in Vernon, Fanny, the wife, transferred the property to her daughter-in-law, Adelaide S. Ellingwood. By her will she left \$100 to her son, Armon, \$50 to her granddaughter, Edith E. Ellingwood, and the rest and residue to her daughter-in-law, Adelaide, with the proviso that the latter should furnish Sumner Ellingwood a good home in her own family and furnish all things needful both in sick and in health, including nursing and physician during the full term of his natural life, pay all funeral expenses and furnish a suitable headstone for his grave.

Fanny Ellingwood died in December, 1913, and her husband became dissatisfied with his daughter-in-law's home and went back to Vernon, where he obtained board with Thomas Owen, who had leased the place from Adelaide Ellingwood and who works for the Connecticut River Power Co.

He sought to recover his property from his daughter-in-law and asked in his original petition in chancery that the deed transferring the property to his wife through Mrs. Reed be declared null and void and that his daughter-in-law be ordered by the court to pay over such sums as she may have collected from the rental of the property. He claimed that the transfers from him to Mrs. Reed and from Mrs. Reed to his wife were void because there was no consideration in either.

The decree says that the deed given by Sumner Ellingwood to Ellen M. Reed of Vernon, dated Sept. 23, 1902, "is absolutely null and void and of no force or effect and that the grantee named therein took no right, title or interest in or to the land described therein."

It says also that the deed given by Ellen M. Reed to Fanny M. Ellingwood, dated Sept. 23, 1902, also is absolutely null and void and that the grantee named therein took no right, title or interest in or to the land described therein. It is ordered that Adelaide S. Ellingwood pay to the orator \$48.72, "being the amount collected by her in excess of the amount allowed for care and expenses in connection with the aforesaid property from April 1, 1913, to Nov. 1, 1915."

It is also ordered and decreed that the orator may recover his costs against the defendants.

Attorney Arthur Carpenter is counsel for the plaintiff and Attorney Homer Shearn of Claremont, Mass., and E. W. Gibson of this town for the defendants.

## HOME FOR FEEBLE MINDED.

Just Opened at Brandon Has 22 inmates—Many Improvements Made.

Gov. Charles W. Gates met with the members of the board of the State Home for Feeble Minded in Brandon this week, to look over the improvements which have but recently been made on the buildings.

The home, of which Dr. Frederick J. Russell is superintendent, and which was made possible by the appropriation of the legislature of 1914 now has room to care for 37 children and there are now 22 at the home. This is less than one-half the number of applications.

Forest Park Farms at Brandon were purchased and the buildings have been put into proper repair at a total cost, including purchase price and improvements, of a little less than \$20,000.

This leaves a little over \$45,000 of the appropriation made by the legislature which was \$65,000, and the work will be begun as soon as possible in the spring on new buildings on the farm.

The latest improvement at the farm is the connecting up with a six-inch main to the village water supply, which will take care of any future demands made by the home with an exceptionally good supply of water. The plumbing has also been made modern and all of the buildings on the farm are fitted for permanent use so that the home, which was bought at a low figure, makes a very good purchase for the state. Plans for the new buildings are already under way and an architect will be put at work on them so that building will probably be begun in early spring. Those children who are at the home are under proper supervision, taught to work much on the same plan as that by which the industrial school at Vergennes is carried on.

## MRS. CAVELL WRITES HAPGOOD.

Peru Resident Expressed Sympathy Over Execution of Nurse.

Marshall J. Hapgood of Peru has exhibited to a number of acquaintances a letter he recently received from the mother of Miss Edith Cavell, the English nurse who was executed by the Germans after being convicted of assisting Belgian soldiers to join the armies of the allies. At the time of the execution Mr. Hapgood wrote to Mrs. Cavell expressing his sympathy in her bereavement, and the letter he received was a brief acknowledgment.

## Even in the Hat Store.

"What can we do for you, sir?" "I want to buy a silk hat."

"Yes, Jim, show this gentleman some periscopes."—Grand Rapids Press.

## JOSEPH A. DEBOER DEAD.

President of the National Life Insurance Company, and a Man of Varied Activities.

Joseph Arnd DeBoer, president of the National Life Insurance company, died in his home in Montpelier Saturday night after an illness of a year of cancer of the throat. He was twice operated upon in Boston, but the operations gave only temporary relief.

Mr. DeBoer was born June 17, 1861, in Warfium, Holland, a son of John Arnd and Anna Peters (Kuiper) DeBoer.

When he was four years old his father died. He was brought to the United States by his mother in 1867, and for several years, his home was in Albany, N. Y. He was graduated from the Albany public schools and entered Dartmouth College in 1880, and graduated with honor, receiving the degree of A. B. in 1884, and Master of Arts in 1887.

Young DeBoer paid his way through high school by selling papers on the streets of Albany. He also worked his way through Dartmouth.

He later taught Greek and Latin in the Holderness, N. H., school for boys, and for four years, 1885-89, he was principal of the Montpelier Union and Washington county grammar school.

On Aug. 1, 1889, he became actuary of the National Life Insurance company, in whose service he has since remained, becoming its secretary as well as actuary, in 1897. He became second vice president of the company in 1900, vice president in 1901, and since 1902 had filled the important position of president. He has been an extensive writer on subjects relating to life insurance, and to various historic features of the business. He had been secretary of the Vermont Historical society, trustee of the Vermont Episcopal institute, a charter member of the Actuarial society of America. He was a 22d degree Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine. He was also a member of many other societies.

He was a senator from Washington county in 1900, and the representative from Montpelier in the legislature of 1908. He was chairman of the Republican state convention in 1910; chairman of the commissions on state personnel and on the judiciary in 1906. He had long advocated reform in the state taxation laws as fundamental to Vermont's growth and progress. Mr. DeBoer was strongly supported for governor on two occasions, but he refused to make a contest for the office at a time when his friends believed that he might have been nominated if he had made an active campaign. Mr. DeBoer was a fine public speaker, and in 1907 delivered the historical address on Vermont at the Jamestown exposition, at Montpelier's centenary at the state capitol, and at the dedication of the city hall in Montpelier in 1911.

Mr. DeBoer married Dec. 22, 1885, Miss Augusta Featherly of Albany, N. H. Four children were born to him, three daughters and a son.

The funeral was held in Christ Episcopal church Tuesday afternoon, following a prayer service held at the DeBoer residence.

Bishop A. C. A. Hall of the Vermont Episcopal diocese officiated at the service, which was assisted by Coadjutor Bishop G. V. Bliss and Rev. Homer A. Flint, rector of Christ church, Charles F. Lowe of Montpelier sang Crossing the Bar.

The honorary bearers were officials of the National Life Insurance company, Vice President P. A. H. H. Treasurer Harry P. Cutler, Clarence E. Moulton, Dr. A. B. Bisbee, Dr. E. A. Colton, George Briggs, Frank A. Dwinell and Frank K. Goss. The pall bearers were Charles M. Bennett, Henry Holt, Dorman B. E. Kent, Frank M. B. De Verno, A. E. Doty and A. B. Shepard, all employees of the institution.

Interment was in Green Mount cemetery. All the banks of Montpelier closed during the afternoon and many stores closed from 2 to 4 o'clock.

## SELL WINDSOR HOLDINGS.

Potter & Johnston Co. Dispose of Interest in Vermont Plant.

An effort was made Tuesday night to confirm a report that the Potter & Johnston Co. of Pawtucket, R. I. had sold a controlling interest in the Windsor (Vt.) Machine Co. Mr. Potter was not seen, but Mr. Johnston stated, over the telephone, that the Potter & Johnston company and other interests had sold their holdings in the Windsor Machine company. He declined to say to whom the sale had been made or make statements regarding the future of the Windsor company.

## Quincy Girl Is Located.

Hazel Taylor, 19, the Quincy, Mass., girl whose disappearance from her home nearly two weeks ago has been the source of much apprehension, was found Friday at Fort Ethan Allen, where she is employed as a domestic in the family of Capt. J. A. Baer. She will make no explanation of why she left home and refused to go back with her father, James Taylor, who came after her.

## BELLOWS FALLS

## ALLBES WEDDED 70 YEARS.

Believed to Be the Oldest Married Couple in Vermont—"Judge" Dean of Vermont Bar.

Yesterday was the 70th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Allbe, of Beliefs Falls, believed to be the oldest married couple in Vermont. No special observance was made, although they received many visitors.

Mr. Allbe is the dean of the Vermont bar, and for many years was a practicing attorney in Westminster, Londonderry and Springfield, this state. He observed his 94th birthday last month. Mrs. Allbe was 90 years old last July. Both are in good health.

"Judge" Allbe is the only man now living in this locality who heard Daniel Webster speak in Beliefs Falls the day following his memorable speech on Stratton Mountain in 1849 before 15,000 persons.

Mr. Allbe was born in Westminster. He attended school in Beliefs Falls until Walpole academy in Walpole, N. H., was opened, 86 years ago.

In 1852, because of ill-health, Mr. Allbe went to California. In 1855 he returned to Londonderry. Following the death of his father he returned to Westminster and remained there until 1861. From 1861 to 1865 he worked in Fitchburg, Mass., and then returned to Londonderry, remaining there until 1874, when he went to Springfield, where he lived until 1906, when he moved to Beliefs Falls.

Mr. Allbe's grandfather, Rev. Thomas Messer, fought in the Revolution. His youth he was athletic, and once in Fitchburg put on boxing gloves with the present Sir Hiram Maxim and knocked him through a window. In California he won many foot races. He is a charter member of the Vermont Bar Association, of Immanuel church of this place, of the Vermont Chapter, S. A. R., and the Masonic lodge in Springfield.

He was admitted to the Windham county bar May 7, 1845, and to practice in the supreme court of Vermont in 1846.

Mrs. Allbe was born in Andover, Vt., July 8, 1825, daughter of Barnet and Polly (Smith) Waite. Her grandfather was Maj. Waite of the Continental army. Her mother lived to be 88 and her father died in his 90th year.

She attended the schools at Londonderry and was graduated from the Chester academy. She was married to Mr. Allbe Dec. 30, 1845.

Mr. and Mrs. Allbe were the parents of five children, three of whom are living. Mrs. Fred A. Pierce of Fitchburg, Mrs. Charles A. Allbe, widow of Dr. Elmore S. Allbe, and Mrs. A. C. Spear of Beverly, Mass.

It is Mrs. Allbe's boast that for 65 years she kept house for her husband without employing help of any kind.

## FINE GIFT BY EX-GOV. MEAD.

Community Center to Be Used by Young People of Rutland—McIntire Estate to Be Fitted Up.

Rev. A. H. Bradford, pastor of the First Congregational church of Rutland announced Sunday the gift of Ex-Gov. John A. Mead of Rutland of the L. H. McIntire property, at the corner of Court and Court streets, to be used by the young people of Rutland as a community center, with clubrooms, gymnasium, tennis courts, etc., and to be administered by the trustees and used as headquarters for various social and recreative activities under the supervision of the congregation.

Gov. Mead has had in mind for two years the gift of a parish house to the church, and the idea gradually developed into a more extensive plan. It is planned to dedicate the property to the young people of Rutland regardless of creed and to make it of the widest scope.

The property, which is only a few rods from the Congregational church, consists of a large three-story brick house, a large brick barn and half an acre of land.

The remodeling of the house and barn, the equipping of a gymnasium, the hanging out of tennis courts, the establishment of social rooms with games and amusements, the location of committee rooms, dining room, kitchen and an auditorium are among the things planned for the project, the entire expense to be borne by ex-Gov. Mead.

The property was sold to the trustees of the Congregational church and it is estimated that the gift, when the buildings are remodeled and equipped and the grounds laid out, will cost ex-Gov. Mead about \$50,000.

Although the church will be the responsible organization behind the plan for the community center, it is designed to place no barrier the direct management of a nonsectarian board with liberal powers.

## ADDISON FARMERS SWINDLED.

Sheriff Hunting for Goldberg, Who Is Alleged to Have Given Bad Checks for Produce.

Sheriff Rowley of New Haven was in Burlington Wednesday with a warrant for Barney Goldberg, a former resident of Burlington, who is wanted on a charge of issuing out of over \$1,000 of addition checks by the alleged simple process of giving worthless checks.

Goldberg has lately been living with James Sheppard on the road between New Haven and Montpelier. The second week in December, it is alleged, Goldberg made a trip through the county buying up cattle, dressed pork and dressed poultry which was delivered to him. The cattle were driven to Burlington and the pork and poultry shipped away.

Payment, it is claimed, was made in checks on the Howard National bank of Burlington, but when the farmers sent in their checks to be cashed it was discovered that Goldberg had no funds in the bank. Goldberg was last seen in Burlington Dec. 16.

Siam fruit growers have succeeded in producing a seedless grapefruit.

## SOUTH NEWFANE.

## Christmas Recitation Makes Hit.

There was unusually good interest and readiness among the children of the Sunday school to take the parts assigned to them for the Christmas entertainment Saturday night, and scarcely a member of the beginners', primary, junior or intermediate divisions was absent when the roll call (distribution of gifts) occurred. Some of the tiny tots recited their first pieces in public. Ralph Kelly, 6, made a decided hit when he recited the little poem, Just Like Me, with all appropriate gestures. One reason for the success of the piece was its simplicity. There is a really truly baby sister, and a real auntie who is visiting the family. Besides, everybody who sees the baby says she looks "just the image of Ralph."

A beautiful present the Christ-child has sent, As cunning as cunning can be; 'Tis a dear little sister, and all the folks say She's 'just the born image' of me.

But really I can't see the likeness at all, I've not a mouth puckered up so; My head is not bald, I have shining brown hair, And my nose is not turned up, I know.

But then, she's a darling, and Auntie declares I'll have to be good as can be; For it would be dreadful to have her grow bad, And have people say she's like me.

The choir, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Fisher, Mrs. M. A. Bingham and C. E. Brown, assisted by Miss Gladys Kelly, added much to the program by singing anthems and carols. The children also had been trained to sing a number of Christmas songs. As a close of the program that mysterious being, Santa Claus, arrived. The two Christmas trees were without fruit, boxes of candy and other gifts being distributed.

Mrs. Willard's class also (as in years past) supplied oranges for all present. The church was prettily decorated under the direction of Mr. Kelly. The attendance was large, and all went home happy.

## Olin Morse House Burned.

Olin W. Morse's house and contents were destroyed by fire Sunday night. Mr. Morse and Fred Heseock, who lives with him, were away and were returning about 10 o'clock. When in the village they saw that the house was on fire.

John E. Morse at once gave a general call on the telephone lines, which called out the men. The fire was so far advanced, however, that nothing could be saved from the house except two chairs and a small amount of bedding.

The barn took fire once or twice, but was saved. When it was threatened the cows were turned out to guard against their loss.

Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. Morse in the loss of his house and personal belongings, which seems especially trying at this wintry season. Mr. Morse's brother, W. A. Morse of Brattleboro, was notified by telephone.

On account of the severe blizzard which prevailed Sunday forenoon, the morning church service was omitted.

John A. Kelley of Claremont, N. H., came last week to look after his property and has been boarding at Linus W. Bingham's.

Henry H. Ingram and daughter, Miss Bernice Ingram, of West Brattleboro were guests of Ira M. Ingram's family and other relatives from Thursday to Monday.

Next Monday evening the annual meeting of the Baptist church and society will be held. Refreshments will be served and all interested are invited to attend.

William Howe and Miss Anna Auren of Greenfield, Mass., visited Mr. and Mrs. Erwin C. Sparks Christmas day, returning by the 8:20 p. m. train from Brattleboro.

Rev. Frank A. Kelley and sister, Miss Gladys Kelley, were in West Dummerston Friday afternoon and evening to assist in preparing and giving the Christmas entertainment.

Mrs. Bert Adams and daughter, Miss Doris Adams, visited in Brattleboro last week, returning home Wednesday. Ernest Adams came home with them to spend his holiday vacation.

The church covenant meeting will be held in the vestry Saturday afternoon at 2:30, and the communion service Sunday will follow the preaching service in the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene C. Cota, and Charles Cota of Brattleboro, Mrs. Charles Loueto and son, Bernard, of Greenfield, Mass., spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Coombs and family.

Mrs. Alice A. Bailey and Miss Ruby Ingram spent Christmas in Greenfield, Mass., as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Brooks and Mrs. Bailey's son, Ernest E. Bailey. They returned early this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman J. Ingraham entertained Saturday at Christmas dinner a family party including Mr. and Mrs. Bert Adams and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie E. Stratton and family and Miss Hall.

M. H. Cheney harvested his ice two weeks ago. Last week H. Wallace Adams was the first to begin cutting on Bingham's pond, where the ice was about a foot thick. Others are in the ice business this week.

Among the Christmas gifts received by Mrs. Samuel Morse were a number of very solid lettuce heads which came by parcel post from California. They arrived in good condition and when eaten were as crisp as if just gathered from the garden.

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur B. Moss will leave their home in New York Saturday, Jan. 1, for San Francisco, and will sail from that port Saturday, Jan. 8, for Calcutta, India, on the steamer Tenzo Maru. They will stop at Hong Kong before going to their new station. Mr. Moss has been appointed pastor of the Thoburn Memorial church in Calcutta, which is an English speaking church. Their residence will be at 150

## and 152 Dharamtalla street, Calcutta, India.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace A. Johnson entertained for a few days, including Christmas day, Mrs. Johnson's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hughes of Shelburne Falls, Mass., who returned home Monday, also Mrs. Johnson's daughter, Miss Lillian Worden of Agawam, Mass., and Raymond Millard of West Springfield, Mass., who left Sunday afternoon. A family dinner party of 21 had been planned for Sunday, but owing to the violent storm the guests from Marlboro and Dummerston were unable to make the trip.

Fred Heseock, who has made his home with Olin W. Morse several years, lost all of his personal belongings when Mr. Morse's house was consumed by fire Sunday night. Both men lost overcoats, all of their best clothes and heirlooms highly prized. John Bellows, a cousin of Mr. Morse, who has spent a part of his time there, also lost clothing. Mr. Bellows and Mr. Heseock carried no insurance. The house had been occupied by Mr. Morse's parents and grandparents formerly belonging to them. The property is understood to have been insured for \$750.

## WILLIAMSVILLE.

## Girls to Play Basketball.

A basketball meeting was held by the Camp Fire girls Tuesday afternoon in the house of the guardian, Mrs. E. H. Richardson. Mrs. A. S. Charlton acted as chairman of the meeting.

Many plans were talked over for the coming season and the following officers elected: Manager, Mrs. A. S. Charlton; referee, Mrs. H. A. Williams; umpire, Mrs. E. H. Richardson; scorer, Mrs. J. W. Williams. The girls will meet for practice Friday afternoon in Grange hall, and all who are interested are asked to be at the hall at 2 o'clock.

C. D. Lazelle spent Christmas in Boston. Clarence Lewis was a Christmas visitor in Grange.

G. W. Dickinson is in Brattleboro visiting his daughters.

G. H. Lamb is confined to the house with a bad case of eczema.

Mrs. D. R. Stedman and daughter, Doris, are visiting in Brattleboro.

Carl Holton of Cleveland, O., is spending his vacation at F. H. Washburn's.

Miss Corn Brown of Brattleboro was a week-end guest of Miss Mildred Tutill.

Mrs. Butterfield of Newfane came Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. F. H. Whitaker.

Miss Belle Greenwood is spending the holiday recess from the Clawson-Hamilton school at her home.

Graydon Mundell of Springfield is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mundell.

The Mizpah class of the Methodist Sunday school will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. Arthur Ingram.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Johnson spent Christmas in West Brattleboro with their granddaughter, Mrs. Parle Covey.

Sewall Hoovey of Brattleboro was a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hoovey, from Saturday to Monday.

John Stokes, who has been working in Springfield, returned to the village and will remain for the present with his sister, Mrs. H. A. Williams.

G. C. Temple, who came from Boston to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Temple, returned Tuesday to his duties in Wentworth Institute.

Miss Helen Lewis has resumed her duties as teacher in the Marlboro Branch school, after a week's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lewis.

Miss Gertrude Carey and Ernest Halladay came from Brattleboro to spend Christmas at A. L. Halladay's. Ernest will spend his vacation here with his parents.

C. C. H. Dickinson went Friday to Hartford to spend Christmas day with her parents. She returned home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wheeler, Richard and Ruth Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Underwood spent Christmas in Brattleboro as guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Sargent.

The Mizpah class will give a five-cent social in the home of Mrs. Arthur Whitaker on the last night of the year, Friday. Everybody is invited and the women are asked to bring cake.

The bills are out for a leap year dance to be given by the women Jan. 7 in Grange hall. Dagan, Wales, Morse and Leitsinger will play and supper will be served. A concert will be given from 8 to 9 o'clock.

The Christmas exercises in the church Friday evening were largely attended and more gifts were distributed than for a number of years. The exercises were of the usual high order and were under the direction of Mrs. Rena